Abstract of the Disclosure

This invention relates to prophylactic or therapeutic drug for diabetic nephropathy or glomerulonephritis, comprising, as an active ingredient, a compound or salt thereof represented by general formula (I)

$$(CH_2)_n - X$$

$$R^2 \qquad N$$

$$N \qquad Y - R^1$$

$$(I)$$

wherein R^1 stands for H or an optionally substituted hydrocarbon residue; R^2 stands for an optionally esterified carboxyl group; R^3 stands for a group actually or potentially capable of forming an anion; X shows that the phenylene and phenyl groups bind to each other directly or through a spacer having an atomic chain length of two or less; n stands for 1 or 2; ring A stands for a benzene ring having an optional substituent in addition to R^2 ; Y stands for a bond, -O-, $-S(O)_m$ - (wherein m stands for 0, 1 or 2), or $-N(R^4)$ - (wherein R^4 stands for H or an optionally substituted alkyl group).